

Significant Issues

The Information Technology Management Office (ITMO) staff further states the ITMO in conjunction with the Office of Communications (General Services Department) is working on the MAGnet initiative which is addressing some of these issues as they relate to state agencies. As part of this initiative, a comprehensive communications architecture is being developed. This architecture and the work already accomplished in Carlsbad to aggregate state networks to increase broadband capacity and efficiencies has provided a template for the state. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to provide the telecommunications infrastructure necessary to take advantage of the WorldWideWeb and provide access through a variety of technologies to all of New Mexico.

ITMO staff states: "Rather than sponsoring a study to in some ways duplicate what has already been documented and accomplished, it may be a more prudent investment to use the appropriation to accelerate the MAGnet initiative. Specifically, incorporate into the MAGnet initiative or provide the funds to the ITMO for communications support MAGnet."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2003 shall revert to the General Fund.

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